

REMARKS

This response has been prepared in response to the final Office action mailed 8 March 2006 (Paper No. 20060214) and the Advisory Action mailed on 30 August 2006 (Paper No. 20060821).

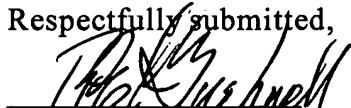
Status Of The Pending Claims

Allowance of claims 1 through 12, 23 through 28 and 35 through 49 is noted with appreciation. By this Amendment, claims 13 through 22, 29 through 34 and 50 through 53 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1 through 12, 23 through 28 and 35 through 49 are pending in the application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examining staff is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment After Final.

Respectfully submitted,



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